

STATE NEWS

What the Legislature is Doing.

A bill has been passed to provide for the erection of a \$1,000 monument at Appomattox Court House to mark the spot where Cox's North Carolina brigade of Grimes' division fired the last volley on the 9th of April, 1865. The proposed monument is to be unveiled on the 9th of next April.

The Senate has passed a bill to prohibit any one from selling or giving away morphine, opium or cocaine except upon a physician's prescription. The intention or purpose of this bill is commendable, being for the protection of persons afflicted with the morphine habit, but at the same time it compels a person needing morphine to pay a doctor for a prescription, and a prescription must be rewritten every time an order is refilled.

The bill before the Legislature providing for the Soldiers' Home will increase the appropriation so that 150 veterans can be cared for.

Senator Scales has introduced a bill providing for a Reformatory for Young Criminals along the lines suggested by the directors of the penitentiary.

A bill has been passed by the Senate allowing appeals in cases of contempt of court just as in criminal cases.

It is probable the Legislature will pass a bill increasing the salaries of Supreme and Superior Court judges, but the increase will likely be small. The judges now get \$2,750 a year—\$2,500 being the regular salary and an allowance of \$250 for traveling expenses. The salary will probably be made even \$3,000, with no other allowance, this being an increase of \$250 per year.

The bill to erect a statue to Gen. Ransom in the Capitol Square has been reported favorably.

A bill has passed the Senate and will probably pass the House applying the Watts act to Morehead and this is expected to eliminate the bar-room at the Atlantic Hotel. Another bill would prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in towns having less than 200 qualified voters, this applying to Williams and Shore, incorporated for political reasons in 1903.

The House Committee on Constitutional Amendments has reported favorably Judge Winborne's Constitutional Amendment as follows: "That Section 2 of Article 9 of the Constitution of North Carolina be and the same is hereby amended as follows: Strike out the words 'but there shall be no discrimination in favor of, or to the prejudice of either race,' and insert the following in lieu therefore: 'The General Assembly may permit either race to tax its poll and property for special school purposes for the race so taxed.'" Judge Winborne says: "My bill leaves that part of the Constitution requiring four months of free public schools per annum for all schools in the State, but, after this, the General Assembly would have the power

to discriminate in favor of either race or the sex of either race. Either race will be permitted to tax the polls and property of its members for special school purposes."

The bill regulating the sale of corn meal, making 48 pounds the standard weight per bushel, and requiring all packages to be stamped and branded, has passed the House.

The bill giving Richmond County prohibition was passed in the House Friday on both its readings by a practically unanimous vote, the Senate having already adopted the measure.

The Senate and House Committees on Pensions have unanimously decided to recommend that the fourth-class pension be increased from \$14 to \$20.

State News Notes.

Dr. A. G. Carr, a prominent physician of Durham, and a brother of Col. J. S. Carr, committed suicide last week.

The appointment of his brother as his private secretary, by the Governor, is being criticised in some papers and commended in others.

The University of North Carolina has enrolled 670 students this year and it is hoped by the end of the present term the number will have reached 700.

Hon. Fred Phillips, for years on the bench of our Superior Court, died last week at his home in Tarboro. Judge Phillips was a man of wealth and influence.

Prof. C. H. Mebane, ex-State Superintendent of Education, has bought an interest in the Newton News, and succeeds Mr. C. M. McCorkle as editor of that paper.

A report on free libraries for rural public schools has been issued by State Superintendent Joyner, showing 954 such libraries, which cost \$26,555, and which contain 83,850 books. Thirty-five counties have taken the libraries to which they are entitled, that is twelve. Very few yet remain untaken.

Dr. F. P. Venable, president of the State University, was elected president of the American Chemical Society at its meeting in Philadelphia last week. This it is said is the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon an American chemist, and Dr. Venable is the first Southerner to win the honor.

Raleigh dispatch: In the course of an interview with representatives of the tobacco companies it is learned that prices are about as they were before the holidays for leaf, and the farmers are very well pleased. It is stated that there is certain to be somewhat of an increase in the acreage of tobacco this year, though as yet no one can tell what this will be.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, has accepted the position on the inter-State Commerce Commission tendered him by President Roosevelt and will take up his duties on the expiration of his present senatorial term, March 4th, when he will give way to a Republican.



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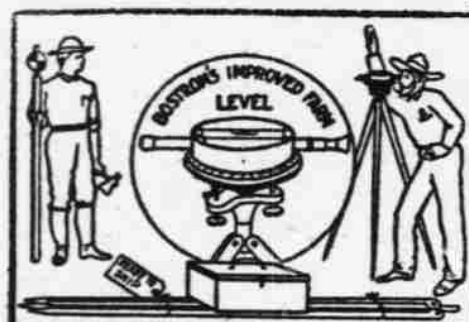


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